

**City Of New Virginia  
Council Meeting Minutes  
January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The Council met in regular session on Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. for the January Council Meeting.

Norville Huston was officially sworn-in as Mayor through December 31, 2021.

Josey Galivan, Brian Nelson and Chris Truman were officially sworn-in as Council Members through December 31, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Huston with Council Members Galivan, Nelson, Strange and Truman present. Absent Zuercher.

Minutes from the December regular Council Meeting and Treasurer's Report were approved.

There was no old business to discuss.

Brian Endrizal was present to address the Mayor and Council regarding his campaign for position of Warren County Sherriff. He will be running for the Sheriff's position during the 2020 election process. Mr. Endrizal's contact information is email: [endrizar4sheriff2020@gmail.com](mailto:endrizar4sheriff2020@gmail.com); phone: 515-808-2290.

Joanie Mousel is in the process of purchasing the old hardware building at 505 West Street. Mousel was present to discuss with the council the possibility of changing the zoning of the above property from business to residential. Mousel wants the property for personal living residence with the upstairs to be an apartment for occupancy. Mousel will draft a written proposal outlining the plans for the building. This proposal will be forwarded to the City Attorney for review.

**Water Utilities** – Written notice was received from Warren Rural Water regarding a rate increase. The increase will be \$0.75/1000 gallons effective April 2020.

A public hearing was held for Resolution #2020-01 – a resolution amending the City of New Virginia's Urban Revitalization Plan. With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding said Resolution, Nelson moved, seconded by Strange to pass and approve RESOLUTION #2020-01 – RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA'S URBAN REVITALIZATION PLAN. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held for the first reading of Ordinance #107 with posted notice the Council has the authority to waive the second and third reading of said Ordinance. With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding said Ordinance, Nelson moved, seconded by Strange to pass and approve the first reading of ORDINANCE #107 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA BY EXTENDING

EXISTENCE OF THE NEW VIRGINIA, IOWA REVITALIZATION PLAN and to waive the second and third reading of said Ordinance. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Law Enforcement** – The report summary from the Sheriff’s Office for the month of November was reviewed. Thirty three calls were received or initiated in the community during the month. Two citations/warnings were written in the New Virginia area. Officers logged in excess of 50.75 hours for the month in the community.

Strange moved, seconded by Nelson to pass and approve Resolution #2020-02 – A RESOLUTION NAMING CITY STATE BANK AND IOWA PUBLIC AGENCY INVESTMENT TRUST (IPAIT) DEPOSITORIES OF CITY FUNDS. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded by Strange to designate The Record-Herald & Indianola Tribune as official paper for publication of city budget, State of Iowa Annual financial Report, ordinances and any other necessary legal publications for 2020. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded by Strange to designate The Tri Corner Express as official paper for publication of city council meeting minutes, public notices and any other necessary legal publications for 2020. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Strange moved, seconded by Nelson to re-appoint Robert Stuyvesant as City Attorney for the City of New Virginia for 2020. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to re-appoint Brent Baughman as City Clerk, Jennifer Baughman as Deputy City Clerk and Justin Strange as Mayor Pro-Tem. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Hen House renovation was discussed. The City taking over operation of the Hen House and paying the utility bills in July after the start of the new fiscal year was discussed. Nelson moved, seconded by Strange to have the City take over operation of the Hen House and start paying the utility bills in July. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The 2020-21 city budget was discussed. Items/projects discussed for funding over the next few budget processes included Lions Park basketball court renovation, renovation of the kitchen area of the Hen House, upgrade the electrical services in Old Settlers Park.

Dates for Spring Curbside Cleanup were discussed. TRM will be contacted to see if May 9<sup>th</sup> is available with an alternative date of May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **GAMP FINANCIAL UPDATE**

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The following are the balances for the GAMP accounts; Money Market \$30,824.39  
Regular Account \$ 1,072.87

The rentals and building use is going well at GAMP. The tot time director is stepping down due to personal reasons. We will need to find a new director for the program.

**NEW VIRGINIA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATE**

We received some quotes for trash bins and grills. We will need to review these quotes to see which company has the best deal for us. We are still working on ordering mulch to replace what has deteriorated over the past year to the entire playground. A date of March 7<sup>th</sup> has been tentatively set for the Father/Daughter Dance. Future goals of the group: new shelter, additional stand-alone pieces to add. Our account balance is \$16,321.99

**KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM**

Keep Iowa Beautiful Committee next meeting date is January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The City Council needs to appointment a council member to represent the City of New Virginia for this committee. The account balance is \$169.00

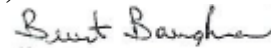
Chris Truman will be the council member representing the City on the Keep Iowa Beautiful/Hometown Pride Committee.

The council was updated on the City taking over operation of the fire department. A Virginia Township representative has to sign off on some paperwork from the State Auditor’s Office followed by the State Auditor signing off on the paperwork and completed compilation of the Virginia Township Fire Department. Possibly within the next two or three months the City will assume operation of the fire department.

Nelson mentioned there will be a fundraiser for Old Settlers on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The details are still being worked on.

Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to approve payment of all City bills and GAMP bills. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no further business to come forth, Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to adjourn meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The February council meeting is scheduled for Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. **February meeting date – Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:30 a.m.**



Brent Baughman, City Clerk

**December Revenues**

General Fund	4403.46
Debt Service	3.61
Water Utilities	7231.51
Road Use	8145.22
LOST (local option sales tax)	<u>3480.50</u>
Total	\$ 23264.30

\*\*\*\* SEE JANUARY EXPENSES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S) \*\*\*\*